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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE PRIORITY

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FOLLOWING SENT CTF SEVEN EIGHT INFO DANANG SECSTATE WASHDC
CINCPAC CINCPACFLT FROM SAIGON 03 JUL 73:

QUOTE SAIGON 11895

E. O. 11652: N/ A

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SUBJECT: REPATRIATION OF NORTH VIETNAMESE FISHERMAN

REF: A. SAIGON 7620 (NOTAL)

B. STATE 083882 (NOTAL)

1. IN RESPONSE TO MAY 19 USDEL FPJMT LETTER TO DRV DELEGATION SUGGESTING REPATRIATION TO NORTH VIETNAM OF INJURED NORTH VIETNAMESE LE HANG VIA A SAIGON- HANOI LIAISON FLIGHT, DRV DELEGATION REQUESTED ON JULY 1 THAT LE HANG BE RETURNED WITH MINIMUM PUBLICITY TO HAIPHONG DURING PERIOD JULY 6-15 UTILIZING " END SWEEP" ASSETS. INDIVIDUAL WAS PICKED UP AT SEA BY US NAVY IN 1971 AFTER ACCIDENT INVOLVING HIS FISHING BOAT.

2. EMBASSY HAS NO PROBLEM FROM POLITICAL STANDPOINT WITH DRV PROPOSAL, AND REPATRIATION TO NVN WITH MINIMUM PUBLICITY HAS BEEN APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT OF STATE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER CRF 78 CAN CONVENIENTLY PICK UP SUBJECT IN DANANG

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WHERE HE IS NOW IN CONVALESCENT HOME AND DELIVER HIM TO HAIPHONG OR TO DRV AUTHORITIES ASHORE ELSEWHERE IN NVN. (LE HANG IS 46 YEARS OLD AND HAS CRIPPLED RIGHT LEG, BUT IS ABLE TO MOVE AROUND ON CRUTCHES. HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF FIT ENOUGH TO TRAVEL AND WISHES TO RETURN TO NORTH VIETNAM .) EMBASSY IS NOT RPT NOT REQUESTING SPECIAL FLIGHTS OR EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS TO MEET DRV SUGGESTED PROCEDURE.

3. IF FEASIBLE, EMBASSY DESIRES SCHEDULE IN ADVANCE TO PROVIDE DRV DEL REQUESTED FOUR DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE OF ETA HAIPHONG, MEANS OF TRANSPORT AND AMES OF ACCOMPANYING PERSONNEL.

4. REQUEST THAT CH USDEL FPJMT BE MADE INFO ADDRESSEE ON ALL MESSAGES CONCERNING THIS SUBJECT. WHITEHOUSE UNQUOTE RUSH

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